

FORTUNE NEAR AS PLANT SHOT SELF TO DEATH

Broker Eluded Bearers of
News Which Might Have
Prevented Suicide.

WAR ORDER ARRANGED

Financier Would Have Received
Enough from Deal to
Meet His Creditors.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE TWICE

Threatened to Blow Out His Brains
While Going Over Books
Wednesday.

Had Arthur Plant's family or friends
been able to locate him before he fired
the shot that ended his life in the
Continental Hotel Thursday afternoon, they
would have given him information which
probably would have prevented his un-
timely death.

It became known yesterday that at 1
o'clock Thursday afternoon information
came to the plant office by long dis-
tance telephone from New York that
an extremely large transaction in war
materials in which Plant had been
promised an interest had finally been
arranged, and that Plant's share from
the deal would be so great as to place
him in a position to meet his creditors.

Eluded His Friends.
Two hours earlier Plant, eluding
anxious friends, had gone to the
Continental Hotel, taken a room and
prepared himself for the end. It is
believed he did not fire the fatal shot
until nearly 5 o'clock, about four hours
after the news from New York reached
his friends here.

Plant's final and successful attempt
on his life was the second and possibly
the third attempt, it became known yester-
day. Wednesday night, while going
over his books in his office with his
brother-in-law, Richard H. Cox, of Balti-
more, he suddenly wrenched open a
drawer of his desk, drew out the auto-
matic pistol with which he afterwards
ended his life, and announced that he
was going to blow out his brains. The
pistol was taken from him by force.
In view of his frequent threats to end
his life, and the condition of extreme
nervousness which the nearness of bank-
ruptcy proceedings brought on, the in-
cident was regarded rather as an im-
pulse than an indication of a set purpose.
Later his pistol was returned to him on
a promise that he would restrain him-
self.

Client Asks Investigation.

Pending the return to Washington to-
day and an exhaustive investigation into
the affairs of the firm by the receiver,
Frederick A. Fenning, no further infor-
mation as to the extent of Plant's failure
was obtainable yesterday. It is not be-
lieved, however, that the extent of the
losses will be shown solely by a perusal
of the books. It became known yester-
day that one client already had applied
to the office of the District attorney for
investigation into a transaction involving
several thousand dollars. It is believed
further that, through notes indorsed by
them, his family will be involved to the
extent of upwards of \$50,000, with a pos-
sibility that their losses will be greater.
They will be compensated in part by
Plant's life insurance of \$35,000, the bene-
fits of which are specifically reserved to
those whose names are carried upon his
notes as indorsers.

Funeral services will be conducted un-
der the direction of Lafayette Lodge,
Masonic, this afternoon at 3 o'clock from
the residence, 1834 Calvert street. Ser-
vices at the house will be public, but
interment will be private. Burial will
be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The Washington Stock Exchange yester-
day adopted the following resolutions:
"The members of the Washington
Stock Exchange have heard of the death
of our fellow-member, Arthur G. Plant.

"We extend to the immediate family
and relatives of the deceased our sin-
cere sympathy at his untimely end, and
our president is hereby requested to
name a committee to represent the ex-
change at the last rites for our late
member.

"A copy of these resolutions shall be
sent to the family of Arthur G. Plant
and a copy spread on the records of
the exchange."
Allan E. Walker, president of the
exchange, appointed K. B. Harris,
Richard E. Claughton, and J. L. Ed-
wards to represent the organization at
the funeral.

NEW ALLIED FISCAL PLAN.

Britain and Russia Reach Arrangement
for Joint Action.

London, Oct. 1.—Official announcement
was made by the press bureau tonight
that the conferences between Chancellor
of the Exchequer McKenna and M.
Bark, the Russian minister of finance,
have resulted in an arrangement for "a
joint course of action between the two
allied governments."

32.50—To New York and return—\$2.50
Baltimore and Ohio from Union Sta-
tion, Washington, D. C., 12:30 a. m.,
Sunday, October 4. Returning, leave
New York 5:30 p. m. same day.—Adv.

KNOWN DEAD 149 IN WAKE OF GULF STORM

Thousands Marooned in Flooded Dis-
tricts and 150 Missing—Property
Damage in Millions.

New Orleans, Oct. 1.—The latest esti-
mate of hurricane casualties in Louisiana
and the Mississippi gulf coast is 149
known dead, 16 others reported dead, and
150 missing. Thousands of persons are
marooned in flooded districts along the
Lower Mississippi and toward the Gulf.
The property damage will run, by all
accounts, into millions of dollars.

Telegraphic communication between
New Orleans and the outside world, cut
off since Wednesday noon, was restored
at 7 o'clock tonight.
The known dead in Louisiana are:
New Orleans and environs, fourteen;
Rigolets, twenty-one; Lake Catherine,
twenty-two; Near Fenier, sixteen; Shell
Beach, sixteen; Island de la Croix, two;
Yolokis, fifteen. Among the dead in
New Orleans is Capt. C. J. Menges, of
Cincinnati, manager of the floating stock
of the Monongahela Coal and Coke com-
pany. At the town of Empiro, fifty miles
below here on the Mississippi, only four
large business houses are left standing.
The town of Dunbar was swept away.
Reports from Capt. Menur, directly south
of this city, indicated that a tidal wave
from 9 to 12 feet high struck that sec-
tion.

MYSTERIOUS BLAST IN DU PONT WORKS; 1 DIES

Blame Laid on Spies—Great Tank of
Alcohol Bursts—Flames En-
veloped Scores.

Patterson, N. J., Oct. 1.—One man
was killed and fourteen others injured,
nine of whom are not expected to re-
cover, in a mysterious explosion this
afternoon in the metallic cap works
of the du Pont powder plant at
Pompton Lake, near here. Following
so closely the explosion of last Wed-
nesday in the same plant, which re-
sulted in the deaths of four persons,
consternation reigns among the 1,500
employees, and a number of them to-
night announced their intention of re-
signing.

The company is turning out enor-
mous quantities of ammunition for the
allies. Although there are reports
that both explosions were caused by
spies, there is nothing on which to
base them except the fact that there
is no other way to account for the
mysterious disasters. The explosion
was unusual in powder mill disasters.
Instead of powder it was a great tank
of alcohol, containing 150 gallons that
blew up, scattering sheets of flame
over a score of men who were at work
on one of the many new additions
to the plant.

Superintendent Rabbitt admitted to-
night that he had heard reports of
spies, but declared that he did not be-
lieve spies were responsible for the
explosion. An investigation will be
made.

Joseph Morrell, of Butler, N. J., who
was injured in the explosion of Wed-
nesday, died this afternoon. He is
the fourth victim of that disaster.

PRINCE OF WALES NEAR WHEN SHELL HITS AUTO

"Well, I have Plenty of Brothers."
Retort to Reproof on Endanger-
ing Her to Throne.

By C. F. BERTELLI.
Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald.
Paris, Oct. 1.—An officer attached to
the British staff, who returned to Paris
today, informs me that the Prince of
Wales had a miraculous escape from
death during the battle of Loos.

Strictly accurate details are that the
prince was speeding toward the front in
an automobile. He ordered the driver to
pull up at the foot of a knoll, which the
prince mounted and watched the pro-
gress of the fighting through his binocu-
lars.

While he was standing on the hill a big
shell fell on the automobile, utterly de-
stroying the car and blowing the driver
to pieces.

Reproached with running into danger,
which the heir to the throne must avoid,
the prince replied:

"Well, I have plenty of brothers."

FIG LEAFLESS ADAM AND EVE TAKE TO FORESTS

Clad in Bathing Suits, Man and Wife
Plan to Live by Wood-
craft.

Skowegan, Me., Oct. 1.—A modern Adam
and Eve plunged into the woods here
early today for a two weeks' stay. Adam
was Walter Estes, of Gray, Me., and
Eve was his wife.

They violated the Biblical tradition by
substituting bathing suits for fig leaves.
But they entered the wilderness with
empty hands, prepared to wrench sub-
sistence from the earth—roots, from the
berry bushes or from wherever else it
might appear.

The two are familiar with the woods
and are confident of success in their ex-
periment.

Forty Swiss Killed in Explosion.
Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 1.—An ex-
plosion of dust in a comb factory at
Muenllawyl started a fire today in
which forty workmen lost their lives.

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GREY ANSWERS U. S. CHARGES

British Note Replies to Com-
plaints of Discrimination
Against America.

SHOWS GREAT INCREASE IN THE EXPORTS OF U. S.

Britain Cites Statistics Covering Com-
merce with Countries of
Northern Europe.

The British government has replied to
charges that it is discriminating against
American trade with the neutral coun-
tries of Northern Europe in favor of
British trade with these countries by
citing figures to show that American
exports to those countries have increased
to a very much greater extent than have
British exports to them.

Asks Trade Statistics.

With the note is a communication from
Ambassador Page to the British foreign
office, requesting, on behalf of Consul
General Skinner, at London, certain
statistics with regard to British trade
with Holland, Denmark, Norway and
Sweden. These statistics were furnished
by the British to Consul General Skinner,
who incorporated them in a report to
Washington. They showed increases in
British re-exports of cocoa and cocoa
products to the northern neutrals for the
first part of this year as compared with
the same period of last year. From this
Consul General Skinner drew the infer-
ence that British traders were profiting
at the expense of the restrictions placed
upon American trade with the northern
neutrals as a result of the British war
measures. On this basis the flat charge
was published repeatedly in the United
States that the British government was
deliberately holding up American trade
with the northern neutrals in order that
British exporters might enjoy a larger
trade with these countries.

The British government asserts that be-
fore any conclusions are drawn from the
fact that statistics show increases in ex-
ports of certain commodities from British
ports to the northern neutrals, these fig-
ures should be considered in comparison
with the statistics of American trade
with the same countries during the same
periods. They cite, therefore, their own
statistics, and also the figures for United
States exports compiled, they assert,
from manifests of vessels actually arriv-
ing in Scandinavian and Dutch ports dur-
ing the five months of January 1 to June
1, 1915, and five-twelfths of the total
United States trade for the year 1914
with those countries, as given in Wash-
ington government reports.

Great Increase in U. S. Trade.

These show that while British re-
exports of cotton increased during this
period of 1915 as compared with the same
period of 1914, the American exports of
cotton to the same countries in the same
period showed an increase six times as
great as that of the British. Regarding
rubber, the British figures show that
there has been a decrease, not an in-
crease of British re-exports, while Amer-
ican traders have shipped more rubber
than before. Similar showing is made
with regard to lubricating oils, tobacco,
cocoa, coffee, rice, wheat, flour, and bar-
ley.

The British explain that many in-
creases of their re-export trade with the
northern neutrals are due to the fact that
much of the trade of the British colonies
with these countries used to go through
German ports before the war, and that
this trade was naturally transferred to
British ports.

The text of the British note will
be found on page 2.

GROOMING BULGARS FOR WAR, GREY ANNOUNCES

British Foreign Secretary Says Ger-
man Officers Are Ready to
Take Commands.

London, Oct. 1.—That Bulgaria is
making preparations to go to war on the
side of the Teutonic allies was
officially announced here today.

Sir Edward Grey, British foreign
secretary, issued the following official
statement through the government
press bureau:

"Information has been received that
German and Austrian army officers
have been arriving in Bulgaria for
several days with a view of taking
an active part in directing the opera-
tions of the Bulgarian army."

Sir Edward Grey pointed out that
this was the same method taken by
Germany to force Turkey into the war,
and that, as the allies are bound to
support the states threatened, the sit-
uation is regarded as being of the
utmost gravity.

More Cholera in Galicia.
Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—The Telegraf
states that the Austrian government on
September 26 reported 300 new cases of
cholera in Galicia.

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tlefields and many other historic points
in the South. Frequent and convenient
service. Tickets and complete informa-
tion, 795 15th, 911 G sta. nw.—Adv.

Bodies Removed from Vault to Stop Desecration by Ghouls

The burial vault on the old Patterson estate near Gallaudet Col-
lege no longer holds the six coffins which were broken open and
robbed recently by ghouls. The bones of the six bodies laid to rest
in the vault have been removed and put beyond further molestation
by thieves. The bones of two bodies have been cremated and the re-
mains of the other four interred in Forest Glen Cemetery.

Two of the coffins have rested in the Patterson vault for nearly 100
years. Representatives of the estate ordered the coffins removed and
the bones cremated and interred only after deciding that there was no
other way to guard against a repetition of the disturbance of the dead.
When the coffins were robbed recently the thieves removed two ton
slabs of stone.

Desecration of the tomb did not end until the bones and dust had
been scattered about its floor.

The bodies buried in Forest Glen Cemetery were those of Catherine
W. Brent, buried July 1, 1822; Robert Brent, September 1, 1817; Eliza-
beth Carroll, buried sometime between 1812 and 1822; Eleanor Pear-
son, March 30, 1818. The bodies cremated were those of John W.
Farley, interred July 31, 1874, and Ellen P. Farley, buried November
19, 1867.

Riggs Bank Cashier Resigns; Federal Jury Indicts Three

Perjury Charges Are Latest Result of Controversy Between
Treasury Department and Financial Institution—Action
of Jurors Discounted in Advance.

Henry H. Flather, cashier of the Riggs
National Bank, tendered his resignation
to the board of directors of the bank
yesterday, following indictments by the
Federal grand jury against three officers
of the institution.

The indictments charge Charles C.
Glover, president; William J. Flather,
vice president, and Henry H. Flather,
cashier, collectively and individually with
"willful perjury."

Immediately after counsel for the bank
officials arranged for individual bonds of
\$5,000 to be filed today for the bank offi-
cials.

The case has not been set for trial,
and indications are that it will not come
up on the docket for several months, due
to the present press of business before
the District attorney.

The indictments were founded on rep-
resentations made before the grand jury
by Assistant District Attorney Archer in-
volving the presentation in the civil pro-
ceedings last summer before Justice Mc-
Coy in the suit of the Riggs Bank against
Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and
Comptroller of the Currency John Skel-
ton Williams, charging perjury.

The representations, in the form of an af-
davit submitted by counsel for the Riggs
Bank in reply to charges and insinua-
tions by counsel for the government, stated
that the Riggs Bank had been in-
volved in no transactions involving specu-
lative deals in stocks through the now
defunct firm of Lewis Johnson & Co.

No Bank Funds Involved.

The indictment does not charge that
funds of the bank were involved in these
deals, and officials of the bank through
counsel have contended all along that the
affidavit was clearly intended to refute

insinuations that the bank officers named
had employed funds of the bank in the
transactions. A certificate by the Ameri-
can Audit Company, showing that no
funds of the bank had been involved in
the transactions, which were purely per-
sonal affairs between officers of the bank
and clients and customers of the bank,
was not placed before the grand jury.

The officers involved in the indict-
ment professed no uneasiness over the
action of the grand jury, which had
been fully discounted in advance. It
was pointed out that the entire con-
troversy between the bank and Treas-
ury officials has in no way been re-
flected in the business of the bank,
which with \$9,000,000 deposits shows
a wholesome increase over this period
of last year, and which last Monday
declared its customary 13 per cent
semi-annual dividend.

Stanchfield May Defend.

While counsel for the criminal pro-
ceedings have not been selected by the
bank, it is understood that the names
of John B. Stanchfield, one of the
most famous criminal lawyers in New
York, and who was associated with the
defense in both the Becker and Thaw
cases, is prominently mentioned, as
is that of Lawrence Maxwell, of Cin-
cinnati, Ohio. The selection of counsel
is understood to be in the hands
of Mr. Glover, under advice of J. J.
Darlington, the local attorney, and
friends of Mr. Glover said last night
that he had not made up his mind.
They admitted, however, that the

Columbia Theater today, 12 noon until
11 p. m.—Cyril Maude in "Peer Gynt."
—Adv.

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James Morgan says "No," in his tomorrow's Sunday HERALD article.
Many men of national and international fame as statesmen and diplomats
have been following from the beginning this series of articles about the
neutral nations and why they are neutral. This article tells the story of
a race of famous warriors that is now keeping the peace on the very
edge of the great battlefield of Europe, a story of Northmen and Nor-
mans, of Gustavus Adolphus and Charles XII and a story of the three
little democratic kingdoms of Sweden, Norway and Denmark in the
midst of the big warring empires. Read it and you will not only eagerly
await the succeeding articles, but you will undoubtedly begin catching
up on those that have appeared in previous issues of the Sunday
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phis Special," issued by Southern Rail-
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G. A. R. VOTES FOR 'DEFENSE'

Veterans Stand Solidly for
Greater Military Pre-
paredness.

ELIAS MONTFORT ELECTED AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Aged Fighters Apologize to Public
Printer Ford for Unjust
Criticism.

The Grand Army of the Republic
stands solidly for greater military pre-
paredness on the part of the United
States. Just before electing its officers
and adjourning, the organization yester-
day afternoon adopted resolutions
urging the maintenance of a larger
army and navy.

The resolutions were introduced,
to the surprise of many, by the retiring
chaplain general of the organization,
Rev. Orville J. Nave. The commander-
in-chief was instructed to appoint a
committee of five to confer with rep-
resentatives of other patriotic organiza-
tions relative to matters of adequate
national defense.

Montfort Elected Chief.

Interest at the closing session cen-
tered around the election of officers
for the ensuing year. Elias R. Mon-
fort, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was chosen
commander-in-chief after balloting that
lasted an hour. His opponents were
Frank O. Cole, of Jersey City, N. J.,
and William J. Patterson, of Pitts-
burgh, Pa. Montfort received 529 votes,
Patterson was given 231, and Cole
polled 188. This made a total of 958
votes out of an accredited voting
strength of 1,536.

It was a sad day for the New Jer-
sey delegation. Their candidate was
Mr. Cole, and with a view to strength-
ening his chances of election they
abandoned their attempt to have the
organization hold its next annual en-
campment at Atlantic City, believing
that many veterans would be wary
about giving the same State both the
encampment and the commander-in-
chief. They could easily have landed
the encampment at Mr. Cole, and
as a consequence received nothing.

G. E. Slaybaugh, for thirty years a
resident of the District and employe
of the Treasury Department, was nom-
inated as senior vice commander-in-
chief by Col. John McElroy, acting
commander of the Department of the
Potomac, and was elected by acclama-
tion.

Prof. Le Van Dodge, of Berea, Ky.,
was elected junior vice commander-in-
chief. His opponents were James G. Ev-
erest, of Illinois and E. K. Russ, of the
Department of Louisiana and Mississippi.
Reuben O. Adams, of New York, was
chosen surgeon general, and Rev. Dr. B.
F. Clarkson, of Baltimore, was selected
for the office of chaplain general. Dr.
Clarkson has just celebrated the fiftieth
anniversary of his entering the ministry.
He has been a member of the Baltimore
conference of the Methodist Episcopal
Church since 1888.

District Man Honored.
Mr. Slaybaugh, the only local veteran
elected to a national office, is one of the
younger members of the G. A. R., having
been born in 1846. He was fifteen years
old at the outbreak of the strife, and en-
listed in the 101st Pennsylvania Volun-
teers. He was offered a discharge in 1864
because of disability, but declined to ac-
cept it, and was detailed as assistant
hospital steward of his regiment, which
position he held until the end of the war.

He is a graduate of the First Pennsylv-
ania State Normal School. Following
his graduation, he taught for four years,
then entering the Theological Seminary
connected with Wittenberg College, at
Springfield, Ohio, from which institution
he received his degree in 1874. He entered
the Lutheran ministry, but relinquished
active work after seven years on account
of ill health. He accepted a position in
the Treasury Department, where he is
still employed, holding the office of chief
clerk and chief of the division of mate-
rial of the United States Coast Guard.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Gaines
presided at the closing session of the
G. A. R. Capt. J. M. Pipes, chief guide and
messenger at the Government Printing
Office, spoke of Public Printer Ford's
high regard for the veterans, and an-
nounced that open house was being main-
tained at the big printery. Surg. Gen.
Adams was sick and unable to attend
the session, but the remaining officers
for the new year were installed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Eli Torrance
installed Messrs. Slaybaugh, Dodge and
Clarkson. Past Commander-in-Chief
Beers escorted Commander-in-Chief Mon-
fort to the platform, where Past Com-
mander-in-Chief R. B. Brown welcomed
him and pinned upon his breast his of-
ficial badge. Mr. Torrance handed the
newly-elected head the gavel and the
forty-ninth annual encampment was
formally adjourned.

Resolutions introduced by Past Com-
mander-in-Chief James Tanner were
adopted regretting the injustice done
Public Printer Ford at the preceding
annual encampment, when action was
taken denouncing him in particular for
alleged removal of veterans from the
Government Printing Office. An apology

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